

## **TOWN OF SHELBY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: April 13, 2015**

**LOCATION: Shelby Town Hall**

**TIME: 4:30 PM**

**TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Chairperson Tim Candahl, Supervisor Tim Ehler, Supervisor Joyce Wichelt, Administrator Jeff Brudos, Clerk Michelle Kind**

**TOWN OFFICIALS EXCUSED: none**

**ATTENDANCE LIST: see attached**

1. Call to order at 4:30 PM by Candahl
2. Motion by Wichelt/Ehler to approve the minutes of March 23rd, 2015. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Ehler/Wichelt to approve the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$137,339.35. Motion carried.
4. Citizens Comments:

Terri Schlichenmeyer of W5556 State Road 33 and Paul Zei of W5584 State Road 33 approached the Board regarding plans for a shelter at Pammel Creek Park. Terri referenced a letter and survey from 2001/02. An open shelter without lighting or bathrooms was in the plans and ball tournaments were not to be at the park. A shelter will lead to more ball games. Noted excessive noise and quoted Ordinance as such. Zie requested additional police surveillance of noise ordinance and dog waste disposal be enforced. Steve Kopp and Lynnetta Kopp of W5236 Knobloch noted that Town funds for this shelter were taken off the November budget and that if citizens are concerned to attend the Park Committee meetings. Ehler noted there is a vacancy on the Park Board welcomes new members. Candahl noted the focus of a new shelter is at Mormon Coulee with support of the Mormon Coulee Lions Club. Brudos spoke in relation to many changes of the original park plans have been made including shelters, gazebo, tennis court, parking lot, overflow parking, playground equipment, trees, etc. There has also been a log as to the number of complaints from the park. A request of the Board was made to allow baseball games years ago. The games were held and there is no record of numerous complaints during that time so additional games have been scheduled. Candahl noted that any shelter options will be placed on the agenda and if improvements are needed, they can be provided through fundraising. Candahl asked how we should police the area and if lighting should be added, park hours to be reviewed, and noise reduction. Zie supports healthy activities in the ball field and asked we police others if possible. Schlichenmeyer requested that no weekend tournaments be allowed, the park to close at 9pm, no lighting needed, and noise reduction be enforced. Lynnetta Kopp listed concerns regarding changing the employee handbook for retiree health benefits as it is a major cost and many companies are moving to PTO. Kopp asked that this be postponed until a meeting with the Auditors and a Health Care professional can be arranged. Brudos relayed that our Auditors noted that delaying the payment may be taxable to the employee and therefore clarification is necessary. We are not increasing the benefit, just making clarifications relative to the program to

reflect the tax implications. By having both the cash payout option and the disbursement for retiree health benefits, you lose the tax benefit of the deferred payment.

Kopp also noted concerns regarding the need for the Town to pay for the Chairman's cell phone and data package for Town emails. As we have an Administrator we do not see the need for a phone. Kopp asked for the number of calls and the need for a phone. Brudos to look into options and usage.

Lynnetta Kopp inquired about the agenda for the Annual meeting on Tues 4/21/15. Brudos noted it will be publicized this week.

Items to be listed are:

- A. Clerk/Treasurer position being split into separate positions.
- B. Property on Harvest Lane with Mr. Thaldorf as any time the Town acquires or sells property it would be at the Annual meeting
- C. Option of increasing the number of the members of the Town Board for a population of our size. Per request from Wichelt, the increase in Board size will be researched by Brudos with Statues and calling the WI Town's Association.
- D. Steve Kopp noted any motions can be made even if not on the agenda. Ordinances and Budget are not discussed at the Annual meeting.

5. County Zoning & Board of Adjustment Applications: none
6. Motion by Wichelt/Ehler to move forward on the request of Philip Thaldorf to acquire a portion of the right-a-way of Harvest Lane. Town will need aprox. 15-20 feet of ditch to retain to allow for drainage off the Town road. This to be re-graded at Thaldorf's expense. The appraisal of the property requested would be at Thaldorf's expense with a company of the Town's choosing. The appraisal would be the value the Town would sell it for. Town keeps the right-of-way on Harvest Lane and vacates the property. All contingent based on approval at the annual meeting, 4/21/15.
7. Motion by Ehler/Wichelt to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> dog requests for Catherine McNamara/W5740 Thistledown Drive and Mike and Susan Mosling/W5161 Birchwood Lane.
8. Discussion held and tabled until the Auditors and a Health Care Benefits professional can be brought in regarding the changes to Employee Handbook Regarding Retired Employee conversion of sick leave for Health Benefits.
9. Motion by Ehler/Wichelt to approved the sign permit for Inland Printing as submitted, see attached.
10. Discussion held and tabled as Wichelt needs to contact additional Towns' regarding employee wages of the Clerk.
11. Fire Department report March Monthly and April Training Schedule- see attached, Ehler noted to have Chief contact Smith off Ebner Coulee to look into the possibility of a controlled burn of an old barn.
12. Police Department report March - see attached, Wichelt noted increase in mileage patrolled.

13. Administrator/Treasurer report – see attached, we are working on the results from the Auditors findings and getting the budget up to date.
14. Clerk – Election results and winners congratulated – see attached, Board can be sworn in prior to the 4/27 meeting, LAPC meeting for Town Board Wed. 4/15, Annual Meeting 4/21/15 6:00pm
15. Town Chairman reported on meeting with City of La Crosse for Coulee Region 2050 including sewer, water, police, public safety, and parks. Another meeting scheduled for Thurs. on the SYB parking lot. Candahl will also meet with Mormon Coulee Lions this week. Candahl noted he will not be at the Annual meeting due to a conference and asked for volunteers to Chair the meeting. Candahl appointed Ehler to Chair the meeting.
16. Supervisor Wichelt requested Brudos/Fogel look into wash out on Vanity Drive of John Brewer. Fogel and Brudos informed that the crew would review the damage.
17. Supervisor Ehler noted the Kirchners thanked of Fogel for his assistance during their sewer backup. He has meet with the County regarding the purchase of the SYB ball fields 7-8 acres. Ehler looking into seeking a grant writer to process the paperwork for the Bliss Road Scenic byway and bike trails along Hwy 35 to Goose Island.

Next meeting to be held is Monday, April 27th, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Kind, Clerk WCMC